PROVISIONAL AGENDA

FOR THE NINTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

TO BE HELD IN GENEVA COMMENCING 28 OCTOBER 1954

The following are the Agenda items proposed by the Intersessional Committee for the Ninth Session on the basis of the list contained in 10/W/25 and by contracting parties in accordance with rule 2 of the rules of procedure.

The Ninth Session will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, the first meeting commencing at 3 p.m. on Thursday 28 October. The Intersessional Committee will meet at 10.30 a.m. on the previous Tuesday 26 October 1954 to consider the Provisional Agenda and to make recommendations to the CONTRACTING PARTIES, as to the order of business. In this connexion the attention of the contracting parties is called to the recommendation of the Intersessional Committee that as much progress as possible be made in the consideration of items other than the review of the Agreement before 8 November when the discussion on the review is to begin.

An annotated Agenda will be issued at the opening of the Session.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN

Under rule 10 of the rules of procedure the terms of office of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen will expire at the opening of the Session.

3. REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT (L/189 and Addendum 1, and G/83)

Discussion of this item will begin on 8 November.

4. PLANS FOR TARIFF REDUCTION (Report by the Intersessional Committee)

5. STATUS OF SCHEDULES AFTER 30 June 1955 -Report by the Intersessional Committee (see also 10/SR.17)

6. ACCESSION OF JAPAN- Report by the Intersessional Committee (see also L/205 and L/225)
7. BALANCE OF PAYMENT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

(a) Consultations under Article XIV:1(g) with Australia, Ceylon, New Zealand and the United Kingdom (L/194 and Addendum 1).

(b) Request by the Federal Government of Rhodesia and Nyasaland for exemption from consultation under Article XIV:1(g) (see L/194 and Addendum 2)

(c) Fifth Annual Report on Discrimination. (Report by the secretariat)

8. CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION

(a) Methods of Valuation (Report by the Intersessional Committee)

(b) Nationality of Imported Goods (Comments received from governments on proposed definition of origin)

(c) Consular Formalities (Reports received from governments on measures taken towards abolition)

(d) Documentary Requirements (Reports received from governments on compliance with standard practices)

It will be noted that item 8 in the Provisional Agenda involves several matters for the discussion of which contracting parties may wish to include customs experts in their delegations. In addition, the review of the Agreement will presumably include some consideration of certain technical articles, especially Articles V to X, for which the presence of experts may be needed. It may therefore be of convenience to contracting parties if detailed discussion of item 8 and of the technical articles in the review could take place concurrently. There will be a further reason for attempting to concentrate these items if the CONTRACTING PARTIES wish to obtain the assistance of the experts of the Customs Cooperation Council in Brussels. The secretariat has been informed that many of those experts will have to attend the meetings of the Council and its subsidiary bodies from the beginning of November to the 20th of that month. In view of these considerations, the Executive Secretary suggests that the Agenda be so arranged as to defer any detailed consideration of item 8 until shortly after 20 November, and that the arrangements for the review should be such as to enable the consideration of the technical articles to take place at about the same time. Contracting parties may wish to take these facts into consideration in scheduling the attendance of experts on their delegations.
9. ANNUAL REPORTS ON WAIVERS

(a) European Coal and Steel Community (Report by the governments of
the member States and note
by the Executive Secretary)

(b) United Kingdom Waiver on Article I (Report by the United Kingdom)

(c) Australia/Papua-New Guinea (Report by Australia)

(d) Italy/Libya (Reports by Italy and Libya, L/232)

10. FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND (Report by the Intersessional Committee)

11. ACTION UNDER ARTICLE XXIV

(a) Customs Union Agreement between South Africa and Southern Rhodesia
"Plan and Schedule" (see IC/SR.13)

(b) South Africa/Southern Rhodesia - Annual report of the Southern
Africa Customs Union Council (see IC/SR.13)

(c) Nicaragua/El Salvador (Annual report by Nicaragua L/233)

12. COMPLAINTS

(a) United States dairy Products - Report by the United States
(see Basic Instruments, 2nd Supp., page 28)

(b) United States Duty on dried Figs - Report by the United States,
Greece, Italy and Turkey (see Basic Instruments, 2nd Supp., page 26)

(c) United States Subsidy on Exports of Oranges (Item proposed by Italy)

(d) Brazilian internal taxes - Report by Brazil (see Basic Instruments,
2nd Supp., page 25)

(e) Brazilian compensatory Concessions - Report by Brazil (see Basic
Instruments, 2nd Supp., page 24)

(f) Belgian dollar import Restrictions - Report by Belgium (see SR.8/14)

(g) Belgian family Allowances - Report by Belgium (see L/187)

(h) French "Statistical Tax" on Imports and Exports - Report by France
(see SR.8/7 and L/238)
(j) French Stamp Tax - (Item proposed by the United States)

(k) French "Special temporary compensation Tax" on Imports (Item proposed by Italy - L/213)

(l) Swedish anti-dumping Duties (Item proposed by Italy - L/215)

(m) Turkish import Taxes and export Bonuses (Item proposed by Italy - L/214)

(n) German discrimination in coal Imports (Item proposed by the United States)

(o) Greek luxury tax and tariff changes (Item proposed by Italy - L/234)

(p) Peru. Prohibition of imports from Czechoslovakia (Item proposed by Czechoslovakia - L/235)

13. TURKISH SCHEDULE TRANSPOSITION (Item proposed by Turkey - L/229)

14. UNITED STATES REQUEST TO RE-NEGOTIATE ITEM 720(b) IN SCHEDULE XX (L/237)

15. SCHEDULES AND PROTOCOLS

(a) Rectification of Schedules (Draft Fourth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications - L/236)

(b) Status of Protocols (L/211)

16. DISCRIMINATION IN TRANSPORT INSURANCE (Report by the Executive Secretary)

17. APPLICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XVIII

(a) Notification of existing measures by Uruguay (L/231)

(b) Application by Cuba (L/221)

(c) Application by Ceylon (L/230)

18. SAMPLES CONVENTION - REPORT ON ACCEPTANCES AND ACCESSIONS

19. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGET (Report by Working Party)

(a) Financial Statement for 1954 (L/225 and Addendum 1)

(b) Budget Estimates for 1955 (L/227)

20. RENEWAL OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERSESSIONAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

21. DATE AND PLACE OF THE TENTH SESSION